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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid:

We write in support of President Obama's nomination of Beth Cobert to serve as Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). She is a qualified and competent choice to manage OPM, which is in need of strong leadership, and we urge the Senate to approve her nomination swiftly.

On February 1, 2016, the Inspector General of OPM, on his departure from federal service, sent a letter to President Obama praising Ms. Cobert's leadership:

> I am also comforted by the fact that Acting OPM Director Beth Cobert appears to have wrapped her arms around the multitude of challenges currently facing OPM. Further, she seems to be arduously striving to institute high standards of professionalism as she works to reinvigorate this great agency.[1]

We further expect that as Director, Ms. Cobert will continue to assist the Committee's ongoing investigation of the data breach that OPM announced in 2015, which resulted in the loss of personally identifiable information for over 21.5 million individuals. On February 3, 2016, the Committee issued a subpoena to Ms. Cobert—who has served as OPM's Acting Director since July 10, 2015—for documents related to the data breach investigation. The agency produced some responsive documents by the February 16, 2016, deadline and has agreed to produce outstanding documents on a rolling basis; however, there are still outstanding documents that have not been produced to the Committee. We expect the agency to fully comply with the subpoena and produce all outstanding documents.

[1] Letter from Inspector General Patrick E. McFarland, Office of Personnel Management, to President Barack Obama (Feb. 1, 2016).

Please contact Katie Bailey of the Chairman's staff at (202) 225-5074 or Tim Lynch of the Ranking Member's staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Beth Cobert, Acting Director
Office of Personnel Management